

DURHAM COUNTY BOE COVID-19 MITIGATION PLANS

The Durham County Board of Elections is working hard so voters and election officials are protected against Covid-19 during the November 2020 Election. Your health and safety while voting is our top priority!

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Cleanliness Plan and Supplies for Early Voting and Election Day

- Prior to equipment setup at each site, surfaces and equipment will be cleaned using hypochlorous acid and an electrostatic sprayer and disinfecting wipes.
- Each Early Voting site will be professionally cleaned daily prior to opening or following the closing of the polls.
- Each Early Voting site and Election Day location will be equipped with the following cleaning supplies: hand sanitizer for use at entrance and exit, disinfecting wipes, alcohol-based solution for cleaning electronics, and cleaning solution and towels for surface cleaning.
- Each table will be equipped with a plexiglass table barrier between the voter and election official.

Cleanliness Coordinator: This is a new position in each voting location responsible for regularly cleaning surfaces and equipment throughout the day. Each Early Voting site will have two cleanliness coordinators per shift and each Election Day precinct will have one to two for the full day.

Equipment for Election Officials

- All election officials will be required to wear a mask for the duration of their Early Voting shift or while working on Election Day.
- Each Early Voting worker will be given cloth masks. Each Election Day worker will be given a single cloth mask for use all day.
- If an election official is in a role that is not behind a plexiglass table barrier, they are required to wear a face shield in addition to a mask.
- Each voting location will have a supply of disposable gloves for all election officials.

Cleanliness Coordinator: The cleanliness coordinator(s) will be supplied with extra equipment including a disposable gown to be replaced each shift and optional head covering.



Equipment for Voters

- Each voter will be given a single-use pen for use through the voting process.
- Each voter will be offered and encouraged to wear a mask.
- 'I Voted' stickers will be provided to voters through a dispenser or other process to limit contact.

Curbside Voting: For voters who are unable to enter the voting enclosure due to age and/or physical disability, we will continue to offer curbside voting. Curbside materials will be exchanged using a plastic folder sanitized after each voter and a small plastic bin will be used for transmittal of pens, other materials and an 'I Voted' sticker. The election official will be required to wear a mask and face shield during the voting exchange.

Social Distancing While Voting

- Our Logistics Team has been working to plan each polling place's location and layout to provide as much space for social distancing as possible.
- Many polling location layouts have been re-configured, and some locations will be moved to new buildings, or enclosures within an existing building to provide more space for voting traffic.
- There will be tape and sticker markers on the floor to mark social distancing spots in line and through the traffic flow of the enclosure.
- There will be tape markers along the sidewalk to provide spacing for lines outside.
- Signage will be placed at each voting location encouraging social distancing and use of protective masks.

The Durham County Board of Elections is closely following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). The above was created based on those guidelines and those from the NC State Board of Elections. We will continue to adjust based on their recommendations as the Covid-19 pandemic progresses.

